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SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 27

43RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1997

INTRODUCED BY

MARY JANE GARCIA

A JOINT MEMORIAL

RECOGNIZING THE NEED TO IMPLEMENT THE 1995 REFORMS TO THE NEW MEXICO SUBDIVISION ACT BEFORE MAKING ANY FURTHER REVISIONS TO THAT ACT AND URGING THE NEW MEXICO ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES TO REPORT ITS FINDINGS ABOUT THE REFORMS TO THE FIRST SESSION OF THE FORTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE ALONG WITH ANY RECOMMENDATIONS.

WHEREAS, the first session of the forty-second legislature, after extensive debate, passed major reforms to the New Mexico Subdivision Act, which included stopping the spread of colonias, closing the four-lot split loophole and providing county commissioners greater authority to regulate subdivisions in their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, the New Mexico association of counties organized a task force that drafted model county subdivision regulations to assist counties in the preparation of their own subdivision

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1 ordinances; and

2 WHEREAS, the 1995 reforms required the Bernalillo, Dona Ana
3 and Santa Fe county commissions to adopt new subdivision
4 ordinances by July 1, 1996 and the remaining thirty counties to
5 adopt new subdivision ordinances by July 1, 1997; and

6 WHEREAS, Bernalillo, Dona Ana and Santa Fe counties have
7 now adopted new subdivision ordinances, and Mora, San Miguel and
8 Torrance counties have passed new subdivision ordinances ahead
9 of schedule; and

10 WHEREAS, the experience of the counties that have adopted
11 new ordinances has been extremely positive, but most counties
12 have not had any experience with new subdivision ordinances
13 because the law does not require them to adopt them until July
14 1, 1997; and

15 WHEREAS, by January 1999, every county commission will have
16 had at least eighteen months of experience with new subdivision
17 ordinances as part of implementing the 1995 New Mexico
18 Subdivision Act reforms;

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
20 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that appreciation be expressed to New
21 Mexico's county commissioners and their staffs, to the New
22 Mexico association of counties, to Attorney General Tom Udall
23 and his staff and to the New Mexico homebuilders association for
24 their good work in implementing the 1995 subdivision reforms and
25 encouragement for their future efforts in that endeavor; and

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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislature urge the New
2 Mexico association of counties to submit a brief report to the
3 first session of the forty-fourth legislature in January 1999,
4 after informally polling all commissioners, county managers and
5 county attorneys about the 1995 reforms and the new subdivision
6 ordinances and provide any recommended legislative changes to
7 the New Mexico Subdivision Act; and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in the meantime the legislature
9 urge the public and other affected parties, such as the New
10 Mexico homebuilders association, to continue to cooperate and
11 assist the county commissioners in successfully implementing new
12 subdivision ordinances in each New Mexico county; and

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
14 submitted to Governor Gary Johnson, Lieutenant Governor Walter
15 Bradley, Attorney General Tom Udall, every county commissioner
16 in New Mexico and the New Mexico homebuilders association.

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7 Mr. President:
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9 Your RULES COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred
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13 has had it under consideration and reports same with
14 recommendation that it DO PASS, and thence referred to the
15 CONSERVATION COMMITTEE.
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17 Respectfully submitted,
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The roll call vote was 6 For 0 Against

Yes: 6

No: 0

Excused: Altamirano, Aragon

Absent: None

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15 JUDICIARY COMMITTEE.
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